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Slow progress on EMS base

Chad Ingram
 Staff reporter

Haliburton County and Minden Hills township continue to slowly work their way toward a cost-sharing agreement for an EMS base and fire hall on the old Walker's Auto Repair property along Highway 35 in Minden.

The county has spent about \$700,000 on the project so far, extending Minden Hills water and sewer services to the five-acre property it purchased in 2010.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid has said her township is in for half the costs incurred so far to become an equal partner and owner in the project. However, Reid has also said that Minden Hills would only proceed with the construction of a new fire hall upon receiving provincial or federal grant money for such.

Recipients of a current round of grants will be announced in March.

"For the county to accept the township's offer, an agreement will need to be entered into between the two municipalities to deal with a variety of items, including but not limited to, defining costs to be included under this agreement, how capital and operating costs would be shared, insurance coverage, who will be responsible for maintaining the property and joint use facilities on the property, how funding obtained by either the county of the township will be applied to the project, developing a process to determine and approve the disposal of any surplus lands by both municipalities, etc.," county chief administrative officer Jim

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Serious fire power

Megan Petitpas, 8, gets ready to blast the competition in the Downhill Dash at Kinmount Winterfest on Feb. 23. More photos on page 9.
 Chad Ingram Staff

Chamber awards honour several area businesses

Jenn Watt
 Editor

Minden area businesses featured prominently in this year's Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards gala on Saturday, Feb. 22 at Pine-stone Resort and Conference Centre.

From among dozens of nominees on a year with a record-setting number of submissions, those along the Highway 35 corridor fared especially well.

The night started off with the Business

Achievement Award, given to Heat Line Corporation, headquartered in Algonquin Highlands.

"A local company whose product has been installed in a U.S. naval base in the Antarctic. How many of us can say that?" said MC Mike Jaycock of the company that makes heating cable and freeze-protection water pipes.

Production has grown 20 per cent in 2013, Jaycock told the crowd, and Heat Line has been able to offer a benefits package to its employees this year.

The Not-For-Profit of the Year Award was

given to the Minden Food Bank, largely for its role assisting those displaced by the rising Gull River in 2013.

"Perhaps its value to the community became most obvious this past April when flood water forced hundreds from their homes," MC Mike Jaycock said. "The food bank opened its doors seven days a week during the crisis for those impacted by the flood, organized clothing and furniture drives and supplied food to a community kitchen that served hot meals daily to those

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Combined facility could pose logistical problems

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Wilson wrote in a report county councillors received at their Feb. 19 meeting.

One of the many questions that needs answering is whether the governments should proceed with a joint facility, or have standalone buildings on the property.

Another is whether the governments should co-own the land, or divvy it up.

"I think there is a potential issue with townships co-owning a piece of land," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said, pointing out that her township collectively owns a property with the adjacent Lake of Bays township. "Over the years it has been difficult, very difficult, to do anything."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he'd been under the impression the cost-sharing agreement was just going to be for construction and operation, not the whole property.

"I think it would be better for Minden Hills and the county to be separate," Fearrey said.

The estimated cost for a combined, 10,500-square-foot EMS base/fire hall is \$2.3 million; for a 5,000-square-foot standalone EMS base \$1.13 million; and for a standalone 6,500-square-foot fire hall \$1.4 million.

Savings in a joint base would come largely through shared operational costs.

While conceptual drawings had depicted a joint facility with common areas, most councillors and staff seemed to feel that the EMS and fire departments should have completely separate areas.

"EMS and the fire department are of different ilk," Moffatt said.

"There's always been minor conflicts between the two," said Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis.

New EMS director Craig Jones has personal experience with joint EMS/fire bases.

"It's nothing but problems," Jones said. "If there is a joint facility, literally picture a brick wall in the middle of the building."

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said it probably made sense to approach it as two buildings, be they separate and adjacent or conjoined.

"I hope county council would under-

stand that Minden Hills has a problem constructing a building on land it doesn't own," Reid said.

Treasurer Laura Janke said any grant applications made for the project would have a much greater chance of being approved if they were made as joint applications between the county and Minden Hills.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch thought there needed to be a conversation between Jones and Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell about the feasibility of co-existence at the facility.

Fearrey agreed and wanted an official recommendation from staff before council proceeded with a decision.

On top of whether the facilities should be joined and whether the property should be divided up, there's the question of what would happen to any excess land.

Conceptual drawing have shown the base on parts 1 and 2 of the property, leaving a third and final chunk, the most northern piece, vacant.

There has been some conversation among councillors whether that land should be retained for future purposes or sold to offset the cost of the project.

"We need to see a menu of options," Moffatt said.

Reid said if Minden Hills becomes a 50/50 owner of the property, the sale of excess land would become non-urgent.

"It may, in fact, not be surplus once we're through the exercise," she said.

The issue was referred back to staff for further review and recommendation.



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— Craig Jones

AH councillors review remuneration



Council costs taxpayers about \$127,000 a year

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands councillors reviewed their 2013 expenses at their Feb. 20 meeting.

Between pay and expenses, council cost just more than \$127,000 for the year.

Reeve Carol Moffatt was paid just more than \$25,700 and used just under \$3,000 in benefits. She collected no money for mileage and had just more than \$3,200 in "other" expenses.

The "other" category includes expenses for conferences, training, etc.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen was paid just more than \$20,500 and used approximately \$2,300 in benefits. She collected more than \$2,600 in mileage (Danielsen lives in Hast-

ings, running in the last election through a lease on land in the township) and had "other" expenses also in the \$2,600 range.

Ward 1 Councillor Gord Henderson, Ward 2 Councillor Lisa Barry and Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle were each paid just more than \$17,200.

Henderson used approximately \$2,600 in benefits, collected \$1,500 in mileage and had \$35 in "other" expenses, representing registration for the county's annual municipal day.

Barry used approximately \$4,000 in benefits, collected about \$650 in mileage and had "other" expenses of \$35.

Kyle had \$2,600 in benefits, \$2,300 in mileage and \$1,500 in "other" expenses.

The township's committee of adjustment – consisting of member Gerald Bain, John Clayton, Jim Gould and Jim Harrison – cost just more than \$4,100 for 2013, including per diem and mileage payments.

The Municipal Act requires treasurers disclose council expenses for the previous year by March 31 of the current year.

Minden Times recognized for excellence by OCNA

The *Minden Times* has once again been nominated for general excellence in the Ontario Community Newspaper Association's Better Newspapers Competition.

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"Words, words, words," a piece on Minden Hills politics by Chad Ingram, has been nomi-

nated for best editorial for papers with a circulation of less than 10,000.

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Sister publication the *Haliburton County Echo* is also nominated for general excellence in its circulation category.

Photographer to speak on capturing wildlife shots

Ron Goodlin, an experienced wildlife and travel photographer, will be speaking in Minden on Friday.

Goodlin will present a two-hour slideshow presentation of his images from adventures in Yellowstone, Alaska and Africa, among other places.

The event was arranged by the Haliburton Highlands Camera Club, but is open to all.

The cost is \$5 (free for camera club members and students).

It will be held Friday, Feb. 28 at the Minden Hills Community Centre at 7 p.m.



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The aging face of volunteerism

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden's service clubs are pillars of the community, raising money for charitable causes and local infrastructure projects, from playgrounds to bandshells.

Along with benevolence and generosity, these groups have something else in common.

Their memberships are aging. And new, younger volunteers are hard to come by.

The Rotary Club of Minden has 21 members and president Jim Fox estimates the average age of its members well into the 50s. Fox said the club's youngest members are probably in their mid-40s.

What about 20- and 30-somethings? Where are the folks in this age bracket?

"It's a difficult world today to make a living," Fox said. "I think young people are totally involved in their career, their occupation."

Weekly meetings are a requirement of the club and Fox noted that people with young families often have schedules that are already quite full.

"We gave more in terms of money than volunteering," he said, referring to his younger days. "You certainly have more time to donate when you're retired."

Over at the Lions Club, president Al Manning thought a few of the 18 members might be in their 20s or 30s.

"Most are 40s and upward," he said. "If you have a family, both of you have to work now to keep things going."

Eighteen members is up from a few years ago. Phyllis Sutherland is president of the 13-member Minden Lioness Club.

"We used to have up to 20 at one time," she said. "We got down to about six."

The age of members of the Lioness Club ranges from 50 to 78, Sutherland said, with herself near the high end.

"Everyone's having a family," she said. "They haven't got time."

While local service clubs are lacking young people, so is the community as a whole, Sutherland noted.

"There's nothing to keep them here," she said.

Lion Clubs International has Leo clubs aimed at young people and while once more common, they have become rare.

The Minden Kin Club has a dozen members, with president Tom Prentice pegging the average age at 50.

Like his counterparts, Prentice chalked a dearth of younger members up to the time pressures of raising a family.

"You take hockey for instance," he said. "They don't have any time."

At one time, the club had as many as 42 members. Prentice

said he'd like to see numbers grow, but added that the Kin cCub, which hosts annual ice races and ATV mud bogs in Minden, requires more physical labour than most other clubs.

Many former Kin clubs in the area have closed up shop, including clubs in Bobcaygeon and Bancroft.

According to Statistics Canada, younger Canadians are actually more likely to volunteer.

"However, the youth volunteer rate may be influenced by the requirement in some school districts to perform community service in order to graduate from high school," the agency's website reads.

According to Statistics Canada, 58 per cent of people aged 15 to 24 volunteer; 46 per cent aged 25 to 34; and 54 per cent of people aged 35 to 44.

Forty-one per cent of Canadians aged 55 to 64 and 36 per cent of seniors volunteer.

While younger people may be more likely to volunteer, it's the older population who put in the most hours.

According to the 2010 census, those in the 15 to 24 age category volunteered an average of 130 hours a year, that figure jumping to 223 for senior citizens.

The rate of volunteering also generally rises with education and income.

In 2010, 47 per cent of Canadians volunteered their time to charitable and non-profit organizations.

First winner drawn in HHHSF lotto



Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation board member Steve McLean reaches into the drum to pull the first ticket in this year's Cash for Care draw benefitting the Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre. HHHS board chairman Len Logozar, right, spun the drum to mix up the tickets. The first winner was Rick Ratcliff, who will receive \$500 and his ticket will be returned to the drum for subsequent draws. Ratcliff plans to give \$250 of his winnings back to the foundation. The next early bird draw will be March 17. The grand prize is \$15,000 and will be drawn May 23. Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. Contact the foundation at 705-457-1580 or email foundation@hhhs.on.ca for more. Jenn Watt Staff

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Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards winners assembled in the Pinestone for a group photo following the ceremony Feb. 22. Bottom row from left, Alan Gordon of RPM; Alex Bell of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association; Dale Bull of TD Mortgage; Laura Roberts of Heat Line. Middle row from left, Matthew Phillips of Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre; Lorne McNeil of McBain Quarries; Matt Roberts of Heat Line; Brent Heise of Heat Line. Back row from left, Trevor Chaulk of Chaulk Woodworking; Max Ward of the Minden Food Bank; Bill Gliddon, Highlander of the Year. Missing from the photo is Steve McLean from Canadian Tire. Photos courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce

McBain, Chaulk, Canadian Tire all recipients

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out of their homes and those assisting with the recovery."

Minden's Chaulk Woodworking took home the award in the Skilled Trades and Industry category.

"Not only did they soldier through the flood of Minden, they also improved sales, redesigned some of their products and have put resources into upgrading their equipment and training," Jaycock said.

McBain Quarries, located north of Minden on Highway 35, received the Innovation and Creativity Award from amongst a pool of seven nominees.

"McBain Quarries has strategically positioned themselves for significant growth of not only sales, but employees. Currently, with an eight-person team, they expect employee growth of 25 to 30 per cent per year," said Jaycock, noting the recent purchase of a \$250,000 precision cutting saw.

The company sells precision-cut multi-

coloured granite.

Canadian Tire took home the New Business Award.

"Canadian Tire has come into the area and had a significant impact through employment, maintaining business within the community, and the spin offs and supports that come from their new business," said Jaycock.

Dale Bull of TD Mortgage was the winner of the Customer First Award.

"She's truly committed to the clients that she services, teaching those that are new through to full and efficient service for the most seasoned of home owners," said Jaycock.

Highlander of the Year was awarded to Bill Gliddon of Haliburton, who is known for his musical talents as well as his charity.

"From his early years as a student of music to over half a century as choir master at St. George's Anglican Church to his 35 years sharing his love of music as an instructor in the Haliburton County school

system, music has always been central to Bill Gliddon's life," said Jaycock.

Gliddon also hosts a program on Canoe FM, gives food from his garden and assists youth in need.

He accepted the award on behalf of the other nominees, who he said were all dedicated to bettering the community.

Host venue Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre took the tourism and hospitality award.

"Pinestone's new management team has not only focused on rebuilding the ties to local residents and businesses, they've also spent a great deal of time and resources on nurturing external tourism and event opportunities," said Jaycock.

The Warden's Award of the Year was given to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, for its conservation work, including stocking more than 500,000 fish in county lakes through the fish hatchery.

Entrepreneur of the Year was given to Alan Gordon, owner of RPM.

"The investment of time and money in new projects and contribution to the economy through job growth is testament to Mr. Gordon's entrepreneurial efforts," said Jaycock.



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— Mike Jaycock

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Pool committee shares study results

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Community Swimming Pool Initiative resurfaced last week, hoping to make a splash with county council as members gave a presentation to councillors on Feb. 19.

For years the group has advocated for the construction of a recreation centre that would include an indoor swimming pool in the county and in late 2012 commissioned a market demand feasibility study from consulting company Leisure Plan International Inc.

A telephone survey targeted at county residents aged 20 to 75 was conducted, with 885 people interviewed by phone.

Those results were extrapolated and applied to the county's population, with the study concluding a projected total membership of between 1,600 and 2,230 people would be willing to pay \$45 a month for access to a facility in Haliburton Village.

Those figures dropped significantly to between 520 and 890 for a facility located in Minden.

"Retiring boomers want and are willing to pay for amenities," committee member Harvey Bates told councillors.

The committee's ideal facility would have a 25-metre, four-lane pool, as well as recreation and fitness areas, including a walking track.

Committee member Gary McKnight said a similar facility in Petrolia, Ont., has annual operating costs of approximately \$700,000 and revenues of nearly \$600,000, running a deficit of just over \$100,000.

McKnight estimated that the construction of such a facility would cost in the neighbourhood of \$8 million.

"The committee was advised by the consultant that, based on his experience, permanent residents who are very likely or somewhat likely to buy a membership at \$45 a month should account for 80 per cent of the revenue to operate the facility," the report reads. "There are limitations to the survey which may make the interpretation of the findings somewhat conservative. For example, there is an exceptional number of non-permanent residents in Haliburton County who were not included in the research. Anecdotal evidence indicates that many cottagers and residents who go south in the winter would use the facility in the months when they are in the county."

The sole question from council came from Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who asked if the committee was aware there were people in the county who couldn't afford firewood.

"There's a lot that's not factored in," Bates said. "Nobody here wants to put any burden on the municipality."

Committee members Gay Bell said fundraising for a facility would be easier once it was up and running.

Children, dressed in their swim gear and holding pictures depicting swimming pool scenes, were also part of the committee's presentation.



The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank everyone who participated in this year's Business & Community Achievement Awards.

Congratulations to all of our nominees and award recipients!

Business Achievement Award
Sponsored by The Benefits Coach
Recipient: Heat Line Corporation

Nominees: Baked & Batted, Chaulk Woodworking, David Kay Lawn Care & Property Maintenance, Generator Solution, Pinestone Resprt & Conference Centre, Todd's Independent, WAI Products

Customer First Award
Sponsored by Canadian Tire
Recipient: Dale Bull/TD Mortgage

Nominees: Baked and Battered, Gordon A Monk Funeral Home, Haliburton Outdoor Equipment, Haliburton Yoga, Highland Services Home Maintenance & Repair, Modern Electric, Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre, Village Court Donuts & Café, WRD Cottage Rental Agency

Entrepreneur of the Year
Sponsored by Patient News
Recipient: Alan Gordon

Nominees: Christoph Carl, Craig Gordon & Colby Marcellus, Brandi Hewson, Meghan Reid

Innovation and Creativity Award
Sponsored by Haliburton County Development Corp.
Recipient: McBain Quarries

Nominees: Chaulk Woodworking, SIRCH Community Services, Up River Trading Co., VirtualAlly, WAI Products, Wilberforce Service Centre

New Business Award
Sponsored by Trophy Property Corp.
Recipient: Canadian Tire

Nominees: Momma G's Tea, Russel Red Guest House, Tek Jewellers

Not-for-Profit of the Year
Sponsored by The Bank of Montreal
Recipient: Minden Food Bank

Nominees: Abbey Gardens, Community Care Haliburton County, Community Living Haliburton County, Haliburton ATV Association, Haliburton County Farmer's Market, Haliburton County Historical Society, Minden Food Bank, Point in Time, Rotary Club of Haliburton, SIRCH Community Services, Volunteer Dental Outreach

Skilled Trades & Industry
Sponsored by Walker's Heating & Cooling Systems
Recipient: Chaulk Woodworking

Nominees: Coty Electric, Highland Park Homes, McBain Quarries, Northern Timberhouse, Petrini Construction, Rod Sisson Contractor

Tourism & Hospitality
Sponsored by Ontario's Highland Tourism Organization
Recipient: Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre

Nominees: Haliburton Highlands Museum, Momma G's Tea, Rhubarb Restaurant, Sir Sam's Ski and Bike, Up River Trading Co., WRD Cottage Rental Agency, Yours Outdoors

Warden's Award
Sponsored by The County of Haliburton
Recipient: Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

Highlander of the Year
Sponsored by Lakeview Motel
Recipient: Bill Gliddon

Nominees: Dave Allen, Jim Blake, Shawn Chamberlain, Bill Gliddon, Bill Kerr, Lee & Malcolm MacLean, Barrie Martin, Ted Scholtes, Lynda Shadbolt, Bob Stinson, Eric Thompson

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Volunteer void

MINDEN is facing a dearth. In not so many years, the community could be looking at a shortage of volunteers severe enough to shut down some of its service clubs.

The memberships of these clubs are aging and there doesn't seem to any contingent of young people waiting in the wings to take over.

Members in their 20s and 30s are slim to nil, depending on the organization.

So, why?

A main theory is that younger adults are too busy between work and raising kids to donate their time and this is certainly true.

We exist in an economic era where, for most households, both partners have to work full time jobs to keep things running. Throw in carting the kids to hockey practices and piano recitals, and hopefully some sleep, and there goes another week.

As working-age people grow older and retire, some will no doubt donate their spare time to volunteer activities.

But few things are one-fold. There has to be more to this trend.

This situation is not unique to Minden or Haliburton County or the province.

In the B.C. town where I lived before moving back to Ontario, service clubs were facing the same situation with small and aging memberships.

I'd submit there are technological and social forces at work that have created a seismic shift when it comes to sense of community and duty to it.

Look at the greatest generation, the one that survived the Great Depression and the Second World War.

My grandparents' generation.

Their lives didn't include the intimate relationship with technology the so-called Generation Y – those born in the early 80s and after, my genera-

tion – has.

Televisions weren't in most homes until the 1950s and it would be another few decades before they became the universes of endless channels we know today.

Then came the Internet and the smartphones that would make it portable so that it's now possible for us to walk around with the sum knowledge of human existence in our pockets.

Canadians spend hours and hours each week in front of their televisions and on their computers and mobile devices.

And while we use technology to connect, its use can also be very isolating. It's usually an individual experience, or maybe one with the family, if we're talking about watching a

movie or show.

My grandparents' generation went out and did stuff. They spent time with their neighbours, joining clubs and organizations as a social outlet as well as a means to improve their communities.

Generation Y has a tendency to be, well, a little self-involved.

But it's not our fault.

See, our parents, the baby boomers, who grew up with strict parenting of the generation that lived through the Depression and the war, decided they weren't going to be so strict with their kids.

And, with many achieving middle-class prosperity, decided they were going to give their kids things they couldn't afford to have growing up.

The intentions were good, but the result is a generation, now in adulthood, that can sometimes be, well, a wee bit entitled, a wee bit self-centred. This must play a role to some degree.

Somewhere, that sense of duty to community has diminished.

And we need to get it back.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

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letters to the editor

Issues with police billing model

To the Editor,

The following is an open letter to the premier, minister responsible and or MPP.

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Madame Premier, Minister Meilleur, MPP Scott:

I am writing to you all to express my deep concern with, and opposition to, the proposed new OPP billing model for Ontario municipalities.

As a taxpayer in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, I am among those who will be most deeply affected by this misguided attempt to "bring fairness and clarity" to OPP funding – a municipal tax increase of roughly 35 per cent has been forecast as a result of this model.

While I am certain that most of us would recognize that some of the cost differentials between municipalities are, perhaps, extreme and even punitive to some taxpayers, the proposed spreading of OPP charges on a per-household basis is a simplistic and superficial "fix" which ignores the realities of rural municipalities. This proposal also runs counter to normal practices and policies in place for nearly all other "essential services" provided by the province.

While the per-household model might seem to provide increased "fairness", the assumption that all households are equal, that the demand for services and the actual level of services provided in all areas are equal is patently absurd; the County of Haliburton has seasonal residents which account for about 65 per cent of all households.

These households do not generate the same volume of "call-outs" as permanent, primary

residences, (in fact, it is unlikely that all the residents of Algonquin Highlands together make as much demand on the OPP as the enforcement of traffic laws and attendance at accidents on the provincially owned roadways in the township) yet the new model would levy the same charge on them.

The Province of Ontario does not recognize the equivalence of seasonal households when considering funding support for infrastructure or social projects; the province of Ontario does not recognize the equivalence of these households when disaster strikes: the province made extraordinary efforts to provide relief for GTA residents when a disaster was not declared, but refused insurance coverage for seasonal residences in a declared disaster in Minden Hills during the flood in spring 2013.

Does the province intend to move to the funding of hospitals and health care based on a per-household model?

Has the OPP become a separate and sovereign tax levying power?

The OPP is, in spite of the provision for "choice", the only viable policing option for most rural municipalities. No-one, I am sure, would argue that the service they provide is not needed and appreciated but to allow them to set costing of these services in such a cavalier and ill-considered fashion is no less than the abdication of responsibility on the part of the Government of Ontario.

If the billing model for police services needs to be fixed then it should be done by budget policy and by legislation, after thorough review and discussion by the province and municipalities, not by fiat from the OPP itself.

Andy Muirhead
Stanhope

points of view

Bitcoin has been robbed

I'M NOT WHAT YOU'D CALL a financial wizard. Nor am I tech savvy in the least. Heck, I can hardly operate a garage door opener. So I suppose it's no wonder that I don't understand the Bitcoin concept. I do know it's a relatively new company that sells and mines virtual currency. And one that has been in trouble of late too.

That apparently has something to do with the fact that 740,000 bitcoins have recently gone missing, which I'm told translates to hundreds of millions of real dollars. You don't have to be a financial wizard to see this is not good.

From what I understand, this scandal has shaken faith in the legitimacy of this new virtual currency and is causing potential users to steer clear. Some are actually saying it could be the end of the Bitcoin concept. After all, this whole system, shaky as it is, was based on the confidence of the users.

That's a shame because people have lost money. And apparently, there's not even a suspect.

Sure, some people blame Wario. If his behaviour on my MarioKart game is any indication at all, I agree, he's the guy to watch. But let's not rule out Donkey Kong either. Buying all those virtual bananas can't be cheap.

All that's beside the point, however.

What is more interesting in my mind is that this form of currency took off in the first place. It seems sketchy at best.

Frankly, I'm amazed that intelligent people would get on board with unproven, unprotected currency with recently revealed links to illegal activities like money laundering – especially since it is also not recognized in so many parts of the world.

Why anyone would do this when they could do so much better with my Stevopoly Money system is beyond me.

Stevopoly money, as you might have heard, is an internationally recognized

virtual currency that allows the users to purchase virtual property, hotels, houses, railways and utilities. You can also use it to pay hospital, inheritance and school taxes too.

I've just started this concept but I'm sure it will catch on. For one thing, it's every bit as reliable as Bitcoin.

It's not nearly as hard to use as Bitcoin either. You don't even need a computer or cell phone. All you need to do is call me and

I'll hook you up. At a reasonable rate too. I can hand you a bright orange Stevopoly \$500 bill for the current going rate of 12 cents Canadian. But don't wait too long – as interest takes hold, prices will rise.

This one-sided currency is easy to understand and recognizable the world over. It comes in ones, fives, 10s, 20s, 50s, 100- and 500-dollar bills. Did I mention it can be used to purchase get

out of jail free cards too?

Not to brag, but right now this currency has more international recognition and trust than Bitcoins too. After all, it has been buying virtual property around the world since 1933.

True, it wasn't always called Steveopoly money. But that's beside the point.

Right now, you might be thinking something sounds fishy about this. You might even be assuming there's really nothing tangible you can buy with Stevopoly money. Well, I've got deeds to a set of properties on Park Place and Boardwalk that says otherwise. They go for 350 and 400 Stevopoly dollars respectively.

So give me a call and get in on this growing virtual marketplace. Heck, for an extra nickel, I'll throw in a Take a Ride on the Reading Railroad card too.



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

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The end of a love affair

START WITH A HEADLINE drawn from an old Sinatra classic, which should please Haliburton trumpeter Hugh Taylor almost as much as the fact baseball is just around the corner.

An email from Hugh spread the good news that pitchers and catchers had checked in for baseball's spring training. A great sadness spread over me. For the first time in 60 years, I don't care. My love affair with baseball is over.

Possibly you don't care either. Maybe you never cared. Haliburton is hardly baseball country, but the game is filled with metaphors for the confusing world in which we live.

Sixty years. There was no television, so I never actually saw the 1954 Cleveland Indians play, but they seduced me anyhow. Sixty years. I still can name at least 25 of the players on that remarkable Cleveland team.

The names were about all I knew about baseball. I wouldn't have recognized a curveball if you had thrown me one. It would be years before I actually saw a game.

But I was smitten. I went looking for a ring after a biography of Bob Feller, the great Indian pitcher, arrived on the library shelves of my one-room country school.

Feller was an Iowa farm boy. His dad played catch with him in their

barn, laid out a baseball diamond in the pasture. Growing up in farm country, I could identify with him.

Though Feller was one of the game's great stars, baseball would not have made him rich, only comfortable. There would be no yawning class divide between him and the folks who paid to watch him pitch.

Sixty years later, it would take an imagination far more vivid than mine to identify with the rich men who play the game. A modern Feller would make 500 times what he did and live in a gated suburb.

Once, baseball was a kind of fantasy world that lived inside my radio. At night, I laid in the dark and let the sounds of the game wash over me.

There were no teams in California or Texas, let alone Canada, no designated hitters. The World Series was played in the afternoon and the whole world stopped to watch it.

I grew up with baseball, if adults who still pay attention to games can be said to grow up. I listened to Don Larsen's perfect game, helped run a sandlot team, spent holidays at spring training, even made my living writing about baseball for a year or two.

Then the ground shifted under

my feet. Players, once indentured servants of their teams, became free agents, businessmen in cleats.

Digital technology and sweetheart tax laws and stadium deals made owners and players rich. In the largest markets, teams once worth millions of dollars now sell for a billion dollars (U.S.) and more.

The best players now make \$20-million or more each, far more than all of the players in the major leagues put together made back in 1954. Talk about inflation – how many tradesmen make 500 times what their grandfathers did?

In the late Sixties, it was astonishing to read that the eight regulars for the game's best team would be paid \$800,000 that season. Now, that's a month's pay for an ordinary player, a week's pay for a big star.

On the baseball channel on satellite radio, there is little talk about the game. Mostly, the chatter dwells on a contract for, say, \$5 million that some mediocre player has just signed.

For most of us, for me, \$5 million is incomprehensible. Here's context: Working for Ontario's new minimum wage, it would take you 223 years of 40-hour weeks to make



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

that much money. It's more than an OPP constable, a school principal or a journalist will be paid in a lifetime.

Don't blame the players for being paid as though they are CEOs. They didn't invent the economic system that fills their pockets. If a man is offered more money than he deserves, he should take it. I would, though I might feel guilty about it.

Baseball would still be played if salaries were a fraction of what they are now. Players who make great sacrifices to get to the top deserve a fair reward, but what's fair about a \$20 million salary?

What's not fair is a near-bankrupt society that can barely pay for the necessities assigning so much value to an enterprise that matters so little, that robs the hopes of the poor to give to the rich.

The last time I listened to satellite radio, there was talk of the game's best young player. Evidently, he should expect an annual wage of \$40 million when he puts himself up for auction.

That's \$250,000 a game, \$60,000 each time he comes to the plate. That's sickening. Baseball, I can't love you anymore.

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Email your letter to the editor to: jenn@haliburtonpress.com

letters

Pool committee should keep pushing for new facility

To the Editor,

We are forever hearing this community needs development that will attract young people with families, and keep our young people here.

Well I have to wonder if the point of having young families in bathing suits at county coun-

cil this past Wednesday was missed.

These are the people we want to have stay in our community, and attract to our community.

County council, they are telling you that one of the things that will help keep them here, living and spending money is a recreation centre.

I commend the pool committee on their

work over the past years and feasibility study, kudos, for bringing it to county council.

Now it is truly time to get this community thinking on a bigger scale, the focus for a recreation centre must be the entire community.

Cottagers, permanent residents including families and retirees, visitors, and ultimately, those we are trying to attract to this wonderful

place we all call home.

Don't give up the fight. I, for one, believe it is a good one that deserves to be fought!

Sue Yallop
Boshkung

Minden Riverwalk survey to provide insight into community activity

The Communities in Action (CIA) committee is back with a new survey about the Minden Riverwalk. The Riverwalk is a success story in providing opportunities for active transportation in the Village of Minden, leading the way for changes to policy, infrastructure, and physical activity in the County.

As a master's of public health student, I am currently completing my placement at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit, and I am working with one of HKPR's partners, the Communities in Action Committee, to do an evaluation case study on the impact that the Riverwalk has had on local businesses and on the community in Minden Village.

As is the case with virtually every trail in a community, the Minden Riverwalk is an important addition to the Village of Minden and to Haliburton County. Community trails are a safe, fun, and environmentally friendly way to bring members of the community together to socialize, enjoy the outdoors, and discover new neighbourhoods and establishments.

Trails make a community more vibrant and attractive not only to residents, but also to tourists and potential investors.

Trails are effective in preserving the natural environment and improving sustainability. In essence, trails have the ability to improve and maintain the social, environmental, physical and even economic well-being of a community – which is what we are planning to discover with the community's responses to the survey.

There have been many successes and lessons learned over the years that will be of interest to community members and decision makers who provide the opportunity for trails and recreational services to be designed and built into the community.

By presenting evidence that a recreational trail contributes to the economic, social, and health prosperity of a community, a case can be made to further expand the Riverwalk and develop trails in Minden, and propose further opportunities for the development of trails in other municipalities in the County, which is why the information collected from these surveys is so important.

The survey only takes about five to 10 minutes to complete, and you can access it online at <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Riverwalk/>, or there are paper copies at the Haliburton County Public Library (Minden Hills branch) and at the Minden Township office where you can fill them out and drop them off at your convenience.

The surveys will be available until March 7, so don't miss out on the opportunity to share your voice on this very important topic.

Without the input and insight from community members, projects such as the Riverwalk would have no guidance or support, no evidence to present to council members and decision-makers, and would likely never begin in the first place. Your response makes a difference in your community.

Submitted by Sue Peterkova

Wood bank forms for those in need

Jenn Watt
Editor

There are now two winter fuel programs in the Minden area.

Last week, Fuel for Warmth organizer Joanne Barnes announced through email that one of her organization's main firewood providers, John Teljeur, would be going his own way.

"It saddens me to confirm that effective immediately John Teljeur is no longer affiliated with the Fuel for Warmth program," Barnes wrote in the email.

"From our records about a dozen pick ups have occurred and about five or six deliveries have been made. Thanks, John, for your assistance," she wrote.

Donations taken to Teljeur's property would not be going to Fuel for Warmth, she wrote.

Teljeur will now be collecting, storing and giving firewood out with his own program.

"I want to make it clear we are still assisting those people, just not through Fuel for Warmth ... I do not want people to have the impression that people who have run out of wood have no options," he wrote in an email.

His Facebook page calls the new distribution the Food Crusade Wood Bank.

In his email, Teljeur said he wished the best to Minden Bible Church, which he said was the driving force behind Fuel for Warmth.

And he clarified that he was not leaving his post with the Minden Food Bank board.

As far as what he will do with the wood he collects from now on, Teljeur said he had preliminary plans.

"Our plan is working with a couple other organizations to set up some wood depots across the county," he said in an interview.

That way it would be a shorter drive to pick up or drop off wood for those in need.

"The desire is to run it through an agency that is organized and can track these things," he said.

Fuel for Warmth will continue to provide firewood and also funding for propane, oil and other home heating bills for those in need.

Contact for Fuel for Warmth: 705-286-6838 on Mondays and Wednesdays or after hours at 705-489-3324.

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Cool time at Kinmount Winterfest

**Photos by
Chad Ingram**

Steve Morrin demonstrated the calls of birds and other creatures to the delight of children at the annual Kinmount Winterfest on Feb. 23.



Above, four-year-old Gracie Lee takes an angled approach to the Downhill Dash during Kinmount Winterfeset on Feb. 23.

Right, these colourful knitted character caps by Roselyn Oudenampsen were a popular draw.

Far right, Austin Hill tries to guess what kind of animals these furs belonged to at a display by the Minden District Fur Harvesters.



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Monday March 10

Vintage Book and Comic Pendant
9:30-Noon

Students will create a unique pendant necklace made with old book pages or comics. Hand tools such as pliers and wire cutters will be used to complete each masterpiece.

Cost is \$25 and includes all materials
Workshop Suds
1:00-3:30

Learn to Felt your favourite bar of Soap, (bring your own if you would like to make ore) personalize your bathroom. Cost \$30 and includes all materials. Make 2 bars.

Tuesday March 11

Clay Zombie Zoo

9:30 – Noon

Imagine a cat, dog, elephant or any other animal as a zombie and let your imagination work over-time! Clay is a wonderful medium for self-expression. Children will learn basic hand-building techniques and add colourful underglazes to their creations. Finished pieces will be ready for pick-up in 2 weeks.

Cost: \$35 includes material fee

Paper Mache Part 1

1:00-3:30

In this two part workshop let your imagination soar by learning the ancient art of paper mache. On the first day we create the model of a fantastical air balloon. Cost for Part 1 and Part 2 \$50 includes all material fees.

Wednesday March 12

Paper Mache Part 2

9:30-Noon

A continuation of Paper Mache 1, dried pieces will be painted, decorated and put together ready for display or play.

Thursday March 13

Parent & Child Clay Garden Stakes
9:30 – Noon

This is a great project to do together. You each choose your own garden stake pattern (or design your own) and put it together using simple pottery techniques. Then apply colourful under-glazes to make your stake stand out amidst the flower or veggies. Finished pieces will be ready for pick-up in 2 weeks. Cost: \$35 includes material fee and wooden stake for mounting.

Friday March 14

Felted Treasure Pouch
9:30-Noon

Learn basic wet felting with a template. We will use soapy water and colourful sheep wool to create and decorate a small pouch that you can use to store your treasures. Cost: \$30 includes material fee.



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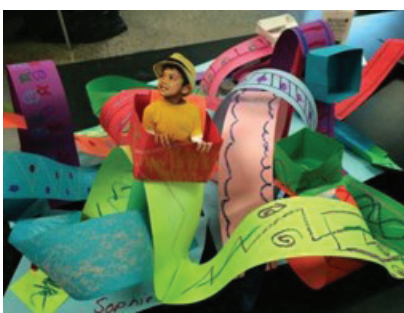
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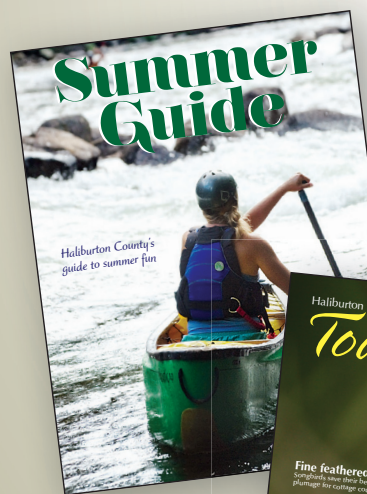
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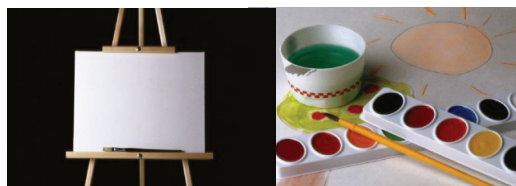


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AH councillors have nothing to hide

➤ Shoreline allowance policy would require licence of occupation for structures

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands councillors want the public to know they have nothing to hide when it comes to a draft bylaw dealing with structures on shore road allowances.

The bylaw, to create licences of occupation for structures on shoreline road allowances that are separated by a road from the subject residence, is still at the draft stage, with staff currently working on a series of amendments.

"People are getting their ire up around the proposal for the shoreline allowance policy," Reeve Carol Moffatt said during a Feb. 20 council meeting. "We're not trying to do something in the dead of winter."

According to Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen there is a sense, especially among seasonal residents, that council is trying sweep the proposed policy under the proverbial rug.

"People seem to think that we're doing something in secrecy," Danielsen said, adding she wanted to make some kind of statement that the draft bylaw would be "on hold" until the seasonal population was in the county.

"It's not on hold," said Moffatt, explaining the draft was back in the hands of staff and would come back to the council table for further discussion and possible amendments when it was ready. "We're trying to run a year-round community."

The reeve said residents had lots of ways to inform themselves, that agendas are posted online and the township tries to maximize the use of social media to keep people in the loop.

"We're putting the information out there," Moffatt said, noting the issue was listed on the agenda for Thursday and that no members of the public had shown up to watch.

"There are a lot of people who aren't geared that way [technologically]," Danielsen said.

Chief administrative officer Angie Bird wondered if Danielsen was suggesting the township set up an official public meeting.

"This doesn't have a legislated public process to it," Bird said.

Certain bylaws – zoning bylaws, for instance – must go through a prescribed public process when they are changed.

Bird reiterated the draft bylaw dealt only with shore road allowances separated by a road from the subject property.

Structures on shore roads that are part of waterfront properties were dealt with as part of the township's zoning bylaw.

"I'm not saying there should be an official consultation like there is for a zoning bylaw," Danielsen clarified, but added she thought discussion should take place when it would be easier for seasonal residents to come and watch.

"I think those discussions should happen during the summertime," agreed Councillor Lisa Barry.

Bird suggested the draft be brought back for discussion at a summer meeting.

The proposed bylaw would require a licence of occupation for new and existing structures located on township-owned road allowances that are not directly adjacent to properties.

The draft application contains a \$350 application fee as well as an annual encroachment fee of \$100. A \$1,200 deposit is required for legal processing, any part

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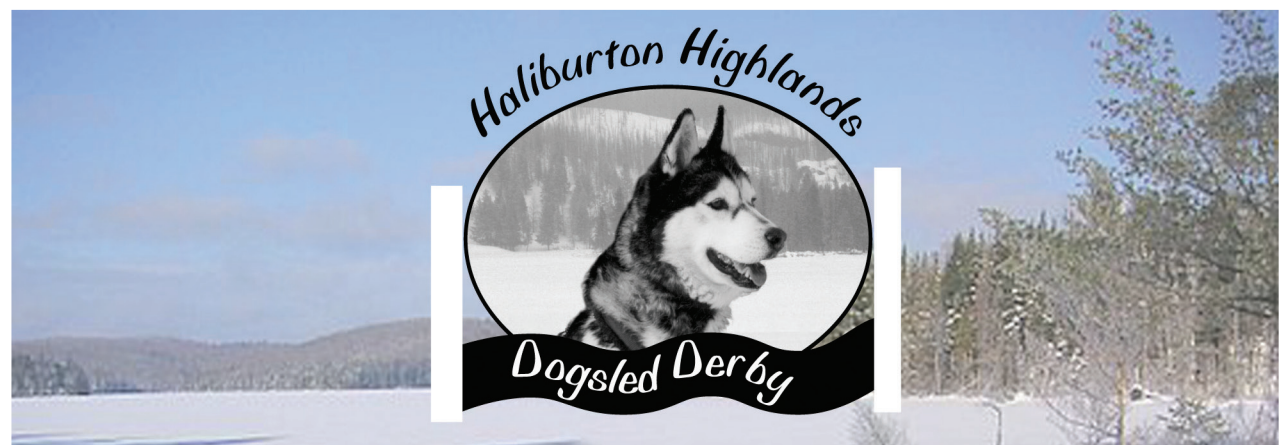
— Reeve Carol Moffatt

of which is not used for that purpose is refunded to the applicant.

Under the draft, property owners are also required to obtain liability insurance.

Existing structures that don't comply with the policy would be allowed to remain, but replacement of those structures would not be allowed.

Under the zoning bylaw, only docks and stairs can be built on township-owned shore road allowances.



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Councillors pass on streetlight discussion

Request for light on
North Shore Road could
set precedent, staff says

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

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This area is prone to fog
and during the winter
months it receives its
fair share of snow.

— North Shore road user

Algonquin Highlands councillors will not be lobbying the Ministry of Transportation to install a streetlight at the corner of Highway 35 and North Shore Road.

At their Feb. 20 meeting, council received a letter from a Dysart et al resident with family in Huntsville who uses North Shore as a thoroughfare when travelling back and forth.

“This area is prone to fog and during the winter months it receives its fair share of snow,” the letter read. “The snow and fog have proven to be a problem for us when we have had to navigate the intersection in the darkness.”

The writer explained that he has poor night vision.

“With this disability, that all of us from middle age on up have, I think that consideration should be given by MTO to illuminating this intersection and that it should be considered as part of the province’s own efforts to comply with the requirements under the Accessibility for Ontarians with

Disabilities Act.”

The writer hoped council would lobby the MTO on the issue of the streetlight.

“The people who are going to have constant illumination in their bedrooms should be consulted on that,” Reeve Carol Moffatt said. “I don’t support it and I’ll tell you that right now.”

Moffatt added the writer was not a resident of the township. Fire chief Keith Thomas thought accommodating the request might set a precedent.

“It could snowball,” Thomas said. “You’d be looking at all kinds of intersections where people would want to do it.”

Councillors noted that the MTO has denied a request for “fire station ahead” signs along the highway leading up to North Shore Road.

County insurance costs rise

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A taste of the Highlands

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Feb. 19 county council meeting.

The renewal of Haliburton County’s insurance policy for 2014-2015 will cost nearly \$225,000, up approximately \$45,000 from the previous year.

“This cost is attributed to the fact that two significant claims are shown on the history of losses,” a report from treasurer Laura Janke read. “The carrier has set up significant reserves for the potential losses, which has increased our liability premium this year.”

Those claims were being discussed in closed session with a representative from Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada Ltd.

No hashtag

Tourism director Amanda Ranson informed council that the county’s new tagline – #MyHaliburtonHighlands – will not be permitted on boundary signage along provincial highways.

The MTO does not allow Internet addresses on such signage and according to a report from Ranson, “The MTO feels the hashtag (#) falls into the same category as an Internet address.”

The tagline will read MyHaliburtonHighlands on the signs. The hashtag may still be included on signage on county roads.

Alan Clarke, chairman of the 2015 Ontario 55+ Winter Games, to be hosted in Haliburton County, said the event will attempt to integrate participants into the community more than the 2011 games, also hosted in the county.

A planned venture called A Taste of the Highlands will have up to 16 events taking place at 16 venues – accommodations, eateries – in the community.

The games take place next February.

Whispering Pines?

It looks like the affordable housing complex outside Haliburton Village on County Road 21 will be named Whispering Pines.

While the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation had originally proposed the name Haliburton Highlands of Hope, that didn’t sit well with county councillors, who’d made a request to be able to name the building.

The county paid \$190,000 into the \$2.9 million project, the rest coming from the province and feds.

The housing corporation had responded it would put it to the residents of the building to suggest names.

The top three were Whispering Pines, Grass Lake Apartments and Edgewater Apartments.

Councillors put their support behind Whispering Pines.



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The Township of Algonquin Highlands is accepting Tenders for the completion of civil and electrical works at the Haliburton-Stanhope Municipal Airport.

SCOPE OF WORK: The scope of work includes the construction of a 500 m access road, 2 parking lots, 400 m of taxiways, 12,000 sq.m. aircraft apron, Stormwater Management Pond, associated electrical works, line painting and demolition of an existing hangar. The successful tenderer will be required to enter into a contract with the successful contractor for the aircraft hangar construction.

START/END DATE: Anticipated to be May 1, 2014 with the completion of the work by October 31, 2014.

Tender documents will be available after **2 p.m.** local time on **Monday, March 3, 2014** at the Township Office located at:

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There will be a \$200 non-refundable deposit required to receive the Tender documents.

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Figure skating club brings home the medals

Minden Skating Club had 12 girls compete at the Bracebridge Skating Competition on Feb. 8. The club also had one skater, Savannah Byers compete at the Lindsay Skating Competition on Feb. 9. Back row, Ruthie Parker, Jordyn Greer, Madison Allaire, Ariel Weiss, Shae MacNaull, Alexius Mills. Front row, Hannah Gartshore, Emily Sherbakov, Savannah Byers, Melanie Walter, Ava Allaire, Denise Sherbakov. Missing is Larissa Stephenson. The results: Ava Allaire, introductory freeskate - silver, introductory elements-silver, introductory team elements-gold, Madison Allaire, pre-preliminary freeskate - silver, pre-preliminary elements-bronze, pre-preliminary team elements-gold, Savannah Byers, pre-preliminary A freeskate-eighth, Hannah Gartshore, introductory freeskate - silver, introductory elements - silver, introductory team elements - gold, Jordyn Greer, pre-preliminary freeskate-silver, pre-preliminary elements-silver, pre-preliminary spins-gold, pre-preliminary team elements - gold, Shae MacNaull, junior bronze freeskate - gold, junior bronze elements - fourth, junior bronze spins - gold, Alexius Mills, pre-preliminary freeskate - fourth, pre-preliminary elements - gold, pre-preliminary spins - fourth, pre-preliminary team elements-gold, Ruthie Parker, pre-preliminary freeskate-bronze, pre-preliminary elements-bronze, pre-preliminary team elements-gold, Denise Sherbakov, pre-preliminary freeskate - bronze, pre-preliminary elements - bronze, pre-preliminary spins-bronze, Emily Sherbakov, introductory freeskate - silver, introductory elements - silver, introductory team elements - gold
Larissa Stephenson, preliminary freeskate - fourth, preliminary elements - fourth, preliminary spins - fourth, introductory interpretive-fourth, Melanie Walter, introductory freeskate-gold, introductory elements - silver, pre-preliminary spins - fifth, introductory team elements - gold, Ariel Weiss, preliminary freeskate - fifth, preliminary elements - fifth, preliminary spins-bronze, introductory interpretive-bronze. Photo submitted

Four Storm teams to semi-finals

Hard to believe that four of the Highland Storm teams have advanced to the all Ontario semi-finals. Atom As and Bantam As are playing Listowel, Peewee As are playing Penetang and Midget AEs are playing Collingwood.

Bantams eliminate Ennismore

Well after losing Game 1 the Smolen Dentistry came back and won the next three games to eliminate the Ennismore Eagles. Storm played Game 3 in Minden on Friday night and won 6-3. Storm had some solid goal-tending from Josh Bell-fleur. Storms Chase Burden scored a hat trick and Paydon Miscio, Nolan Flood and Kyle Cooper scored one each. Assists went to Jake Bishop and Owen Smitty

Smith with two, and Mark Saville with one. Game 2 was in Ennismore Saturday night and Storm didn't take long to give their fans something to cheer about as Ethan Keefer once again fired a bullet pass the Eagles' goalie just 25 seconds into the game. Assists went to Chase Burden and Chris Thompson. Then the teams battled it out with both goaltenders making some big saves until Matt Wilbee fired a slap-shot top shelf to put them up 2-0 assisted by Chase Burden to end the second. Then with 3:21 left Wilbee scored his second of the game unassisted.

Nolan Flood finished off the game and series with an empty net goal assisted by Owen Smitty Smith and Jake Bishop

at the 1:05 mark. Parker Smolen got a well deserved shutout. Storm now take on Listowel in the OMHA semi-finals and then the winner will play Paris or Mount Brydges for the OMHA all Ontario finals. Schedule unknown at press time.

Submitted by Craig Smith

Atom A dominates game

After a late start to our game on Friday night due to a referee mix up the boys got down to business and Joe Boice put us on the map at the seven-minute mark in the first period. Then with 3:01 to go in the first Cody Martin popped in a nice one giving the Pepper Mill Atom A team a 2-0 lead against Gananoque. The first period flew by and then Joe Boice and Alex Little made a great play to give us a 3-0 lead early in the second period. The third period just got started and quietly Brenden Newhook assisted by Jake Sisson slid in another to give us a 4-0 lead; 13 seconds later Joe Boice made it 5-0 and a minute after that Alex Little made it 6-0. The boys were on fire! Joe Boice went on to score twice more making the final score 8-0 for the Storm. Thanks to our strong defence team of Cole Prentice, Colin Glecoff and Aaron Bellefleur the Gananoque Islanders weren't able to score one on our awesome goalie Dylan Keefer.

That finished off the quarter finals and now we are moving onto the semi-finals between us and Listowel. So we will keep you posted on the home games, please come out and cheer them on as the more support the better! Thanks to all those who came and watched the game we really appreciate your encouragement. *Submitted by Kathy Martin*



NOTICE TO TRUCKERS 2014 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216, the County of Haliburton enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect the County roadways during spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

Restriction on permits issued under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216:

As outlined in the Highway Traffic Act and County of Haliburton By-Law #2216, reduced loading will be in effect in the County of Haliburton effective 12:01 a.m. on March 1, 2014.

The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act and the By-Law, unless otherwise specified, are not valid on any County Roads during the Reduced Loads Period.

Reduced load limits will be in effect where and when signs are posted.

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On and after March 1st, check the County of Haliburton website www.haliburtoncounty.ca under "Notices" to see when reduced load limits are in effect and when they are lifted.

Red Hawk skiers make OFSAA

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The entire Red Hawks Nordic team is ecstatic about their Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championship berth.

Fifth year student McKenzie Hill finished in sixth place for senior girls while teammate Grade 10 Christine Bishop finished in fourth place for junior girls at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championships at Hardwood Hills to punch their ticket to the all-provincials from Feb. 25 to 26 in Timmins.

Both are happy about the opportunity and feel satisfied about making the most of it after last year's winter sports season was wiped out by the labour dispute.

Hill, who is going to her sixth OFSAA championship, is still finding joy in the achievement and is realistic about her chances.

"There's a lot of great skiers so you just want to finish," she said.

She has been to OFSAA for field hockey twice, snowboarding twice and Nordic in the team category. This is her first individual berth to the senior girls skate discipline.

This year Hill and Bishop have also made the all-provincials in snowboarding and will leave Timmins to compete at the Mansfield Ski Club on Thursday, Feb. 27.

The fifth year student was greatly motivated this season.

"It's pretty great because we didn't get to do any winter sports last year. We kind of felt robbed," she said.

First time OFSAA competitor Bishop was driven from the start of the season to make the all-provincials.

"I'm really excited. I'm just happy I made it," she said. "I'm really going to go just to ski. I've never been to an OFSAA before. This is all going to be new," she said.

Contributing factors, they said, included the favourable conditions here in the Highlands with more snow to enable more practice and mileage.

They started land training in November and then racked up the miles at local ski trails such as Glebe Park, minutes from the high school.

Although past teams were larger, the two didn't let that stop them.

They used it to push each other, making sure one



Darren Lum Staff

The Red Hawks Nordic team of McKenzie Hill, left, and Christine Bishop proved they belong with the province's best, coming in sixth and fourth respectively to earn their OFSAA berth. The Hawks will travel to Timmins to compete at the all-provincials

another came to practice or made up any absence with another practice session. The support for each other is similar to how two sisters behave with each other, laughing and poking fun.

Their coach Jennifer Paton characterized the pair as athletic and coordinated, helped in part by their dance background. She adds they are positive, coachable and

have fun together.

"They've been totally committed since November. There was no complaining about the team being small. There was clearly a goal of making OFSAA," she said, adding the team had to "block book" their accommodation in advance.

"They've achieved their goal."

Red Hawks hockey team lives up to top Kawartha top billing

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Going into the playoffs the Red Hawks were the team to beat.

As the top seed in the division one Kawartha High School Hockey League, the Hawks proved to be the standard, as they showcased their superiority in pace, moving the puck and executing when it matters.

Regardless of the win or a tie scenario for the boys' Red Hawks hockey team, they didn't take any chances beating the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary Griffins to the tune of 4-2 in front of a partisan crowd on Wednesday in Haliburton.

The win gives the Hawks a semi-final berth, which will be hosted by Haliburton and Minden at 10 a.m. on Thursday. The opponent is undecided, but could be Fenelon Falls Secondary School, Crestwood Secondary School or Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute. The Kawartha Championship will feature the semi-final winners at 2:30 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena.

This was the Hawks' second win of the two-game quarterfinals against the Griffins. The day before the Hawks beat division two's top seed Griffins 7-5 in Peterborough.

HHSS made short work of the Griffins, jumping to a 3-0 lead in the first period.

The scoring was led by an opportunistic goal by Red Hawks forward Stuart Chaulk, who scored on a gaping net when a puck behind the net came out front with Griffins' goalie Jonathon Thain turned around.

Hawks coach Ron Yake said it all helps, but the big lead did little to alleviate his nerves in the third.

"I always get excited in third periods. I know that no lead is a comfortable lead," he said, referring to the Toronto Maple Leafs' loss to the Bruins last year. "Nothing is ever secure in hockey games. So four goals was a nice comfortable lead, but, yeah, I was a little bit nervous."

He was quick to point out that was the only exception to the team's other "good" goals.

Special teams have been the focus for the team and it proved invaluable for the proverbial back-breaker.

Hawks player Tanner Hamilton not only killed the Griffins' powerplay, but also robbed the visitors of any momentum when he deked through a pair of defenders and flipped the puck in the net for a highlight reel short-hander and 2-0 lead.

"Our penalty kill has been good. Over the season it has improved a lot. We had some good powerplay opportunities as well. It was a good effort on the penalty kill. There were certainly lots of special teams today," he said.

In particular, Red Hawks Curtis Ballantyne's and Jake Harrison's tireless pursuit of the puck figured strongly.

With a few minutes left in the second, Hawks forward Tyler Barry all but put away the Griffins with his second goal of the night.

The visitors proved they could skate with the home team except for a lack of finish and were stifled by the excellent Hawks defence led by mobile Chris Hall.

Winger Barry and his linemates Nate Feir, at centre, and Jake Bursey on wing had a solid game playing regularly against the Griffins' top line.

Yake was pleased at how they not only accounted for two goals, but also virtually shut down the opposition.

The solid first period for the Hawks and two disallowed goals figured prominently.

One to a delayed offside in the first and another when Griffins forward Jesse Douglas managed to score, but only after time ended in the second.

"Timing is everything in life and maybe in hockey so that was a nice buzzer," Yake said.

Braydon Frost made the start and played well, Yake said.

"Braydon had a great game. He made some key stops," he said.

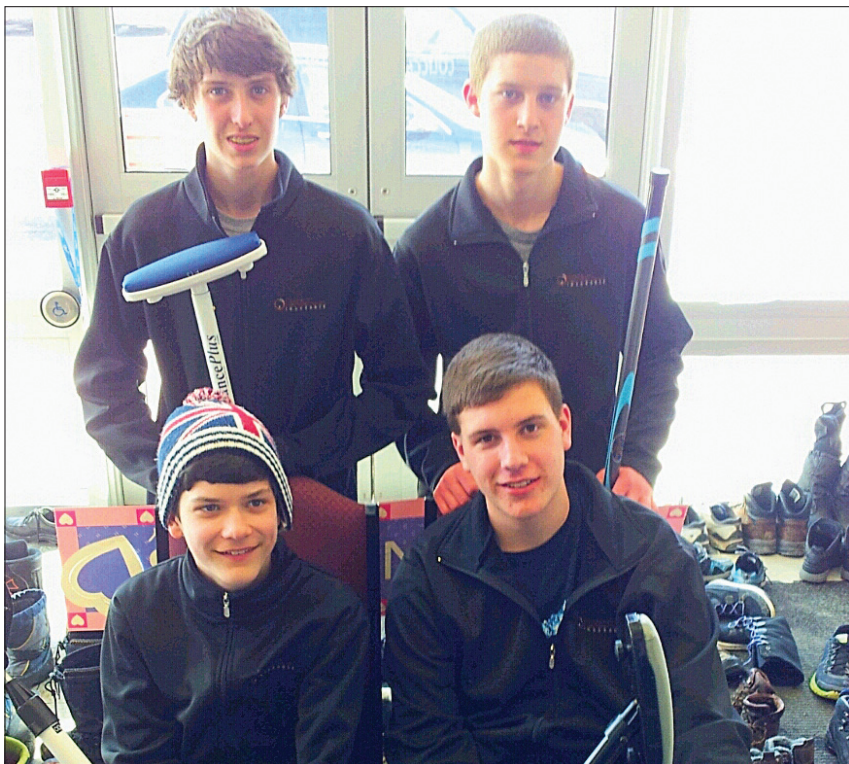
Frost will get the call again, as Jordan Hamilton is unavailable.



Darren Lum Staff

Hawks notes:

Tyler Barry finished with two goals; Stuart Chaulk, one goal; Tanner Hamilton, one goal; Jake Bursey, two assists and Nate Feir, one assist.



Team Colicchia says thanks

Minden Curling Club and Team Colicchia (coached by Scotty Boyd) wish to thank Hudson Henderson Insurance for its generous support, sponsorship and the great-looking jackets! The boys have gained valuable experience and sharpened their skills on the Bantam circuit. Hudson Henderson's support of our youth in this lifelong sport is very much appreciated. Back left - Jake Hudson (second) back right - Josh Colicchia (skip) front left - Andrew Carmount (vice) front right - Collin Martin (lead). Submitted by Gwen Turner

Highlands Trio returns to Legion for March concert



Legion br. 636

Every fall local students enter the Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Poster and Literary Contest. This Friday at Archie Stouffer Public School, Youth Education Chairman Kevin Smith will be presenting awards totaling \$275 to the first, second and third place finishers in each contest. Our congratulations to all these talented young people! Six entries also advanced to the Zone competition, but none received the required points to proceed to the District level. The next event for students will be the Public Speaking competition.

The Legion clubroom was warm and the lasagna hot, as Nascar fans cheered their favourite drivers last Sunday afternoon. We have three TVs, so you could pretty much see whatever sport you wanted. The Legion is not a sports bar nor is it a restaurant, but both support the not-for-profit operation of the Branch. The Legion also differs from other community service organizations by focusing on our veterans and members of the Forces and RCMP. Applications are available at the clubroom and we welcome the support of your membership.

Our members are an effective and powerful force when the Royal Canadian Legion advocates with federal government on behalf of our veterans and military. As a result of the Legion's latest national letter writing campaign, the funeral and burial grant

was increased from \$3,600 to \$7,376 in the 2013 Federal Action Plan. One of the Legion's current priorities is to ensure our injured soldiers can access the same maximum disability award that civilians can receive through the Courts. Those who are injured or become disabled serving our country deserve the same income support as everyone else.

The snowbirds are starting to return and our first General Membership Meeting of the year will be at 7:30pm next Wednesday March 5th. The executive will be reporting what it has accomplished on your behalf during the past few months, as well as upcoming plans. Our thanks to all the volunteers who have stepped up to help out with running the bar during Lois' absence, in particular: Roy, Thelma, Al the cleaner, Wendy and Rick. Come to the meeting and support the hard work and effort which kept the Branch functioning during the winter. Before attending the meeting, all members are asked to check their card to ensure their dues are paid for 2014. If your cards still says 2013, you can renew during regular business hours.

Remember, the Highlands Trio will be entertaining 1 to 5pm on Saturday, March 22nd at the Minden Legion. Between sets amateur musicians will also be sharing their talent.

March 28th is the last day to apply for a maximum \$500 bursary funded by The Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies Auxiliary, Ontario Command for post-secondary education for 2014. Veterans, Legion members or L.A. members, their children and in some cases their grandchildren, can apply. Mature students, including part time studies and apprenticeship training may also be eligible. Full criteria and application forms are available at <http://www.on.legion.ca/bursaries>.

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The depressing side effects of cat bites

Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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Here at the old farmhouse Jake the tuxedo cat is stretched out full length along the desk fascinated by the moving images on the computer monitor.

This is not at all helpful to the column writer's deadline.

He is a bit of a biter and does not seem the least concerned about my sharing this morning's Canoe FM report with him regarding the link between cats and depression.

According to the quoted study findings, no doubt funded by a sizeable grant, some 40 percent of persons bitten by a cat experienced depression. Of added interest on the canine side only 29 percent of those bitten reported melancholy.

This is diet day ten and at last the kitchen scale's pointer has moved off the marker set on the initial official weigh in. There is a new sense of motivation and Bruce has kindly relocated the dust collecting exercise bike to a more convenient location.

With three meals and two snacks to fit in every day food

takes over the thought processes. Daughter-in-law Rita has thankfully introduced me to Skinny Cow ice cream products. With only 100 calories per bar these delicious treats available in both chocolate or caramel truffle flavour can be found at local grocery stores. From a mental health perspective this over the counter "prescription" taken only once a day has saved me from biting the cat and likely his falling into a depressed state. I wonder if there is a grant available to study this reversal of roles in need of a primary clinical researcher.

Calling all trivia buffs. The Victoria Pony Club's annual fundraiser for 2014 is taking a different format. This Saturday, March 1st at the Galway Hall will be Trivia Night with both a Loonie and Country Auction as part of the program. There will not be a dinner this year but pizza will be served later in the evening. Doors open at 6:30 for a 7 p.m. start. Tickets are \$10 and still available from any Pony Club family member .or by calling Guy at 705-488-3182 or Julie at 705-488-2291/2961. The Club meets regularly and has members ranging in age from seven to 19 years. These young people have had impressive results in competition to date at local, provincial and national levels. For more information on the Club give Guy a call.

The Kinmount & Area Artisans Guild will hold its annual

General Meeting for 2013 this Sunday, March 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre.

After a series of four community meetings the Guild was established on March 31, 1999 based on a blueprint by Bruce Fleury. Its initial project would be to have an outlet which would be called the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace open by the Victoria Day weekend some six weeks later. At the Marketplace local arts and handcrafts created by Guild members would be on sale and other initiatives undertaken of benefit to residents and visitors to Kinmount.

With concerted effort this goal was achieved and some 15 years later visitors to the Marketplace continue to respond positively to the heritage building and its offerings which have expanded to include antiques/collectibles, local authors work and Kinmount souvenir items. All tasks associated with the Marketplace are carried out on a voluntary basis by the Guild members. Again this year the Guild will host a March Break Children's Craft morning on Tuesday, March 11 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Advance registration is appreciated and for more information or registration please call 705-488-2938. there is no charge and the program is best suited to children ages 5 to 12 years.

Until next week..

County card scores

February 18 contract bridge at Club 35: Rob Eaton led the scoring at 7,560 then Ross Fletcher 5,690 and Kathie Porter 4,940. Ross Pawson won the draw with Jim Burrows claiming the Shiny Penny. There was one Small Slam by Doug and our bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh.

February 18 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The top scoring trio members were Rhonda Elstone 4,470, Gerald Bergin 4,200 and our reporter Nancy Ballantyne 3,790. This event has a 9 a.m. start time and offers instruction for new players and those who wish to improve their skills.

February 18 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Rae Dawn Shephard reports that lone hand honours went to Betty Hicks with Reta Crofts high lady and Helen Burk low. For the gents Harold Harvie took top marks along with winning the special prize while Gord Darby was low man.

February 18 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 299, Belle Walker 280, Theresa Deak 274 and Pat Nixon 256. Tied for top spot for the gents at 283 were Marcel Roussel and Clare Obdam followed by Albert Foster 281 and Kevin Maloney 261. Belle Walker won the major draw with Shirley Milne, Theresa Deak and Eileen Shapiera claiming the smaller prizes. Betty Wagar further reports that Jesse Barlow, Pat Roussel, Jason Peacock, Phyllis Windsor, Kevin Maloney and Albert Foster took the moonshots.

February 18 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: From Pearl Cowen the news that Bev Alexander and Sandy Poulton captured gold at 465 then Jean Randell and John Kerr 378. In third spot were Diane Platt and Merv Elstone at

369 while Peggy Beattie partnered with John Platt posted the afternoon's low of 253.

February 19 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Peter O'Connor and Gord Cochrane led with 60 percent then Sandy McKay and Mary Johnson 58 percent. Tied for third place at 55 percent were Ev Morgan partnered with Reet Murray and Jan and Dave Heaven.

February 19 bid euchre at Stanhope: Tied for first place for the pinks at 177 were Pearl Cowen and our reporter Linda Lambert then Jean Dutka 168 and Anne 133. Leading the whites was Tom Macartney 196 then Penny Elliott 188 and Clara Miscio 165 while Jean Dutka took the evening's only moonshot.

February 19 Big Bucks Bid Euchre at Kinmount Legion: First at this monthly event was Ida Young 359 then our reporter Rose Isaacson 378 and Cathy Hicks 359.

February 20 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Theresa Deak and Jesse Barlow with Muriel and Doug McIntosh posting the highs. The evening's lows went to Pearl Cowen and Jim Bradbury while Murray Daniels, John Deak and our reporter May Bradbury along with Doug and Muriel McIntosh took the moonshots.

February 20 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Betty Wagar 314, Theresa Deak 313, Muriel McIntosh 296 and Pearl Cowen 291. For the gents first at 298 was Pat Bailey followed by Howard Smith 277, Kevin Maloney 267 and Tom Grix 258 while the call 1 went to Clare Obdam with Pat Scadden holding the hidden score. Bev Johnson further reports that Tom Grix, John Deak, Clare Obdam, Betty Wagar, Pat Roussel, Jason Peacock and Marcel Roussel had single moonshots with Theresa Deak tak-

ing two.

February 21 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Nick Boekestyn won for high hands, Kevin Maloney for lone hands, Bev Johnson for low hands and Murray Daniels for the special prize.

February 21 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: cancelled due to weather

February 22 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Ida Young led the gents at 316 followed by Dwaine Lloyd 286, Marcel Roussel 254 and Kevin Maloney 232. High lady was Pat Roussel 289 followed by Theresa Deak 260, Jason Peacock 245 and Karin Harrison 235 while Dwaine Lloyd took the single moonshot and Kevin Maloney won the special prize. Thanks to Albert Foster for this update.

February 24 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Mabel Deacon and Lillian Mann with Betty Sharpe and Kay Godden posting the high scores. Tim Sharpe also reports that Diane Platt took the afternoon's low score while Gwen Cox claimed the special prize.

February 24 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The high scoring trio members were Marcel Roussel 317, Richard Organ 279 and Pat Roussel 243. Karin Harrison won the draw and also had a moonshot along with Tom Grix, Pat Roussel, Gala Newell, Jesse Barlow, Richard Organ and Jim Corbett [2], Thanks to Rose Isaacson for this report.

February 24 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Albert Foster, for lone hands Jean Randell, for low hands our reporter Sherin Brown and for the special prize Murray Daniels.

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Cremation has taken place. There will be no funeral but a Memorial get-together will be arranged in the Spring.

Memorial Donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 11:00 am until the time of the combined Arcadia Lodge 440 Masonic Service and Celebration of Life Service at 1:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

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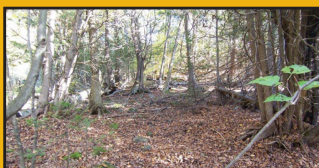


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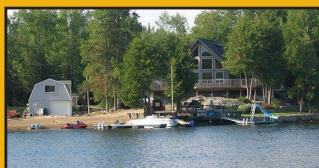
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- Over 7 acres, minutes to Haliburton
 - Some neighbours in area
 - Entrance easily created off Municipal road
 - Hardwood bush, meadow at back
- Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968



Long Lake - A Must See! \$528,000

- Privacy! Views! 160 Ft., 1.42 acres
 - Mexican Flare, deep water off dock
 - Turn-key, hot tub, 2 lake chain
 - Yr. Round, winterized, Wow Factor!
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Very Impressive Waterfront Home

- 250 feet with sand beach on Shadow Lake
 - 4 + 3 bedrooms, rec hall, 3 bay garage
 - Less than 3 hours from GTA, great access
 - Many other outstanding features
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Highway Commercial Building Lot \$109,900

- 120 Ft road frontage, 0.53 Acre
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 - Surrounded by retail/restaurants
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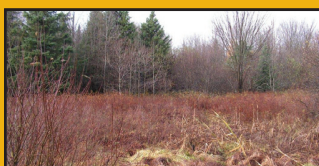
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 - 3600 litre septic installed
 - Hardwood rolling bush to river
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- Great location near Minden
 - In an area of nice homes
 - 1.18 acres on year round road
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 - Nicely finished garage
 - New w. floor, granite hearth
 - Easy Municipal year round access
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Davis Lake \$299,900

- 3 bedroom, 4 season cottage
 - Bunkie + garage
 - Level lot, sand beach, dock
 - Big lake view
- Valerie Kulla 286-2138



Highway 35 Residential \$129,900

- 1.8 acres set nicely off the highway
 - Garage, basement and loft addition
 - 3 bdms, 4 piece bath mn flr laundry
 - Country kitchen, loads of charm
- Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



Pride of Ownership! \$335,000

- Immaculate 4 season waterfront home/cottage
 - Level lot with child friendly sand beach
 - Quiet bay on the Gull River heading to Shadow Lake
 - 2 bedrooms and double car garage
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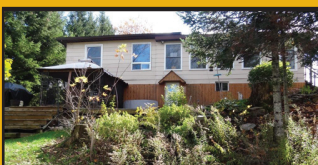
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- 4 Bedroom, 3 bathrooms
 - Large basement with own entrance
 - Ideal location - walk to everything!
 - Great Opportunity! Don't miss out!
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Gull River \$254,900

- Well Maintained 4 Season home/cottage
 - Boat to Gull Lake or Downtown Minden
 - 3 Bedrooms, Sunroom, Full W/O Basement
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County Road 21 \$165,000

- Mins. to Minden conveniences, solid brick
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 - Sep. dining room; fireplace; hardwood floors
 - Raised bungalow; dbl drive & lots of parking
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- 120 feet of fantastic waterfront
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 - Original 1940's cabin
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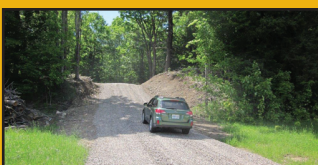
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- Located between Haliburton & Minden
 - Many recent upgrades
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Highway 35 Lots

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 - \$125,000 - 3.5 acres; \$99,000 - 3.1 acres
 - HST in addition. Commercial use possible
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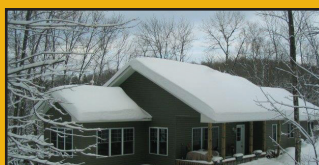
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 - Incredible 249' of sandy beach waterfront
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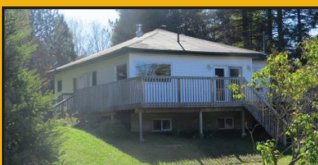
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- Large lot on quiet spring fed lake
 - South facing, good swimming & fishing
 - Driveway is in, hydro at lot line
 - Great opportunity! HST in addition
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